



Message from the Headteacher

Dear all,

This year we join the Diocese of Blackburn on their Year of Prayer. Our Worship children are busy planning lots of special events.

We are also working closely with organisations to enable children, adults and the community to flourish. Miss Wren is our PE Lead and We are Community Leader, and has lots of opportunities planned in our diary.

Sadly our Forest School has been impacted by the weather. We have made the decision to postpone Forest School until half term for this reason.

As a school we want to support one of our families. Ruby, who is one of our Reception children, and her family have asked if we can take part in Epilepsy Awareness Day, also known as 'Purple Day', on Wednesday 26th March. On this day, children may wear something purple and if possible make a small donation. The money will go to The Daisy Garland, a charity that exclusively works with children with drug resistant epilepsy - a charity that has helped Ruby's family.

Mrs Dugdale

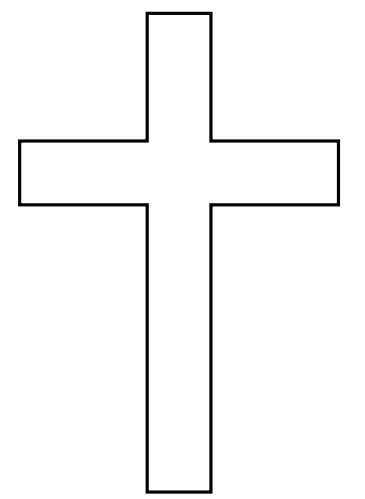


Worship

This year in collective worship, we are learning all about God's Big Story. Each week we are going to be introduced to a theme and a guest storyteller from Blackburn Diocese of Education.

Next month we will be learning all about:

- **The Painful Prayer**
- **A Divine Prison Break**
- **A Joyful Wedding**



Class Worship

We have scheduled our class worships for the upcoming school year, which will be held at St James' Church, Briercliffe. Families are welcome to join the congregation. Please see below for the date/time of your child's class.

Hazel Class - Tuesday 11th February @ 2.30pm

Willow Class - Tuesday 11th March @ 2.30pm

Beech Class - Tuesday 1st April @ 2.30pm

Elm Class - Tuesday 20th May @ 2.30pm

Ash Class - Tuesday 1st July @ 2.30pm





Knowsley Safari Park

Year 6 visited Knowsley Safari Park this month. They took a tour on the Baboon Bus, where they encountered rhinos, baboons, lions and many other animals. They also watched a fun sea lion show and took part in a workshop on conservation. Both children and staff had a fantastic day out and got to learn lots of interesting facts about the animals and their habitats.





Beech Class Family Friday

Beech Class would like to say a big thank-you to all of the parents and carers that joined us at our Family Friday. The children loved performing their Street Dance 'One Last Time' to an audience and we were really impressed with all of the parents and carers who joined in learning the new dance with the class.

The Family Friday was a great success, with children reviewing their recent learning with their parents/carers as well as with each other. Some of these activities included this term's Coding work from Computing, collaging different UK birds from Forest School, locating and discussing the countries of the UK as well as sharing our knowledge on Seasonal Changes. We also enjoyed celebrating the beginning of the 'Year of the Snake' for Chinese New Year.





PE and Forest School Timetable

PE Timetable

Ash - Thursday

Elm - Wednesday & Friday

Beech - Tuesday

Willow - Tuesday

Hazel - Tuesday & Thursday

Rowan - Friday

Sycamore - Thursday & Friday

Hawthorn - Thursday & Friday

Oak Class - Monday & Wednesday

Due to damage by recent weather, Forest School will not run until after the February Half Term holiday.



School Lottery

The School Lottery is a brilliant resource for parents to sign up to. It provides funds for the PTFA and you can also win prizes weekly! Please sign up to the lottery and help our school.

<http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>





Upcoming Events



Friday 7th February

Sycamore Class Family Friday - 2.30pm

Tuesday 11th February

Hazel Class Worship at St James Church - 2.30pm

Friday 14th February

School closes for Half Term at 3.30pm

Monday 24th February

School re-opens



Tuesday 11th March

Willow Class Worship at St James Church - 2.30pm

Thursday 13th March

Let's Go Sing Concert in Blackpool



Friday 14th March

Elm Class Family Friday

Wednesday 26th March

Epilepsy Awareness Day - wear something purple!



The Daisy Garland
*'A journey of hope...
for children with epilepsy'*



Term Dates 2024/2025

Please see below our Term Dates for the 2024/2025 Academic Year.



School Term & Holiday Patterns 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Mid Term Closure	Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th October (inclusive)
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 28 th October 2024
Re-open to Pupils	Tuesday 29 th October 2024
Closure after school	Thursday 19 th December at 1.30pm
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Friday 20 th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Re-open to pupils	Monday 6 th January 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2025 (inclusive)
Closure after school	Friday 4 th April 2025 at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025

INSET (Closed to pupils)	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Re-open to pupils	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 th May 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 st May 2025 (inclusive)
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025
Closure after school	Tuesday 22 nd July at 1.30pm



Term Dates 2025/2026

Please see below our Term Dates for the 2025/2026 Academic Year.



School Term & Holiday Patterns 2025-26

Autumn Term 2025

Re-open to pupils	Monday 1 st September 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 20 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open to Pupils	Monday 3 rd November
Closure after school	Friday 19 th December 2025 at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2026

Re-open to pupils	Monday 5 th January 2026
Mid Term Closure	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026 (inclusive)
Re-open to Pupils	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Closure after school	Thursday 2 nd April 2026 at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2026

Re-open to pupils	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Day Closure	Monday 4 th May 2026
Mid Term Closure	Monday 25 th May to Friday 5 th June 2026 (inclusive)
Re-open to pupils	Monday 8 th June 2026
Closure after school	Monday 20 th July at 1.30pm